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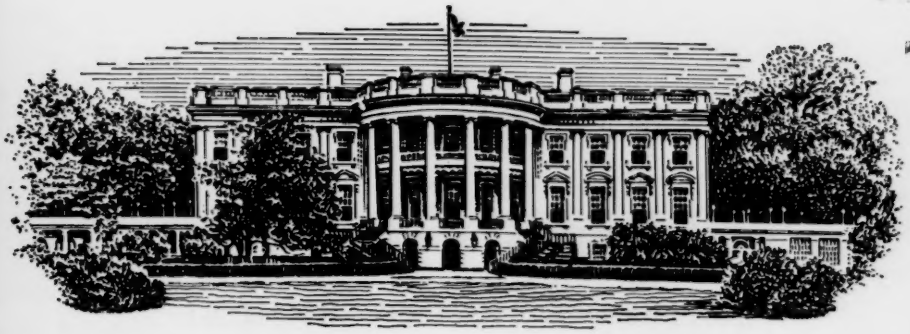

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Postal Rate Commission

Announcement of Appointment of Two New Members and Designation of Chairman. November 23, 1970

The President today appointed Howard Elliott, Jr., and John L. Ryan to the Postal Rate Commission, completing the membership of the five-man Commission. The President announced the appointment of the other three Commissioners on October 15, 1970.

The President also announced today the designation of William J. Crowley to serve as Chairman of the Commission. Before his appointment, Crowley, a native of Homewood, Ill., served as executive vice president and chairman of the finance committee of the Northern Illinois Gas Company.

Ryan, of Indianapolis, Ind., will serve for a term of 6 years. He is currently a member of the Public Service Commission of Indiana. He is 49 years old, and before his appointment to the Public Service Commission of Indiana in April 1969, he was executive vice president of Dean Brothers Pumps, Inc.

Elliott, 37, is currently a commissioner on the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri. He was appointed to the Commission in April 1967. Prior to his appointment he was engaged in the private practice of law in St. Louis. His appointment to the Postal Rate Commission is for a term of 2 years.

The Postal Rate Commission is charged by law with establishing rates and fees which are "reasonable and equitable and sufficient to enable the Postal Service under honest, efficient and economical management to maintain and continue the development of postal services of the kind and quality adapted to the needs of the United States."

Jobs for Veterans Program

The President's Remarks Introducing Program Chairman James Franklin Oates, Jr., for a Press Conference at the White House. November 24, 1970

Ladies and gentlemen:

During the next year over 1 million men will be separated from the Armed Services. As they return to the United States and to civilian life, about a third of them will go back to school; two-thirds of them will be ready to enter the labor market.

It is vitally important, we feel in this administration and I think generally everybody in this country feels, that those who do go to work and want the opportunity to go to work have jobs.

Our indication of the priority we put on this project is the appointment of Mr. James Oates, in charge of the program within the Government and also in charge of a program to mobilize the entire Nation in the private sectors, business, labor unions, and other organizations, so that the jobs will be available for these men who have served the Nation.

I believe that all of us recognize that we owe a debt of gratitude to our young men who have served America during this period, and the way we best pay that debt is to provide them an opportunity for employment, an opportunity that they deserve, an opportunity which I know they will fulfill with very high distinction.

I would like to indicate the reason that I think Mr. Oates is the ideal man to head up this program. He is a man who brings enormous prestige to the position. He will be able to speak to leaders all over the Nation, within Government and out of Government, with great impact. He is a man who has very great organizational ability as demonstrated by his years as chief executive officer of the Equitable Life Assurance company.

But as his own statement to you will indicate at this point, above everything else he has a great deal of enthusiasm. He believes in this program and he will be

able to, I think, communicate that enthusiasm to the leaders in Government, the members of the Cabinet and the sub-Cabinet who have responsibilities in this area; to the leaders of business, 900,000 business firms who may be able to offer jobs; to the leaders of labor unions; and to others who might be interested.

Mr. Oates now will make a statement and then will answer your questions on this vitally important program.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:15 a.m. in the Briefing Room at the White House. Following his remarks, Mr. Oates, Secretary of Labor James D. Hodgson, Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird, and Administrator of Veterans Affairs Donald E. Johnson answered reporters' questions on the program.

United States Ambassador to the Republic of Mali

Announcement of Intention To Nominate Robert O. Blake of California. November 24, 1970

The President today announced his intention to nominate Robert O. Blake of Whittier, Calif., as United States Ambassador to the Republic of Mali. A career Foreign Service officer of Class 1, Mr. Blake has served since August 1968 as Deputy Chief of Mission, Paris. In Mali he will succeed Ambassador G. Edward Clark who is being reassigned as Ambassador to Senegal and The Gambia.

Born on April 7, 1921, in Los Angeles, Calif., Mr. Blake is a graduate of Stanford University (B.A., 1943) and of the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (M.A., 1947). He served in the United States Navy in the rank of lieutenant (1943–46).

Mr. Blake has previously served in Managua, in Moscow, in Tokyo, in Tunis, and as Deputy Chief of Mission in Kinshasa. Among home assignments have been: Officer in Charge, U.S.S.R. Affairs, and Adviser on Political and Security Affairs, United States Mission to the United Nations.

Mr. Blake is married to the former Sylvia Whitehouse. They have two sons and one daughter.

Selective Service Regulations

Executive Order 11569. November 24, 1970

AMENDING THE SELECTIVE SERVICE REGULATIONS

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Military Selective Service Act of 1967 (62 Stat. 604, as amended), I hereby prescribe the following amendments of the Selective Service Regulations prescribed by Executive Order No. 10292 of September 25, 1951, as amended, and constituting portions of Chapter XVI of Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations:

1. Section 1611.2, *Persons Not Required to be Registered,* is amended by adding to paragraph (b) a new subparagraph (11) to read as follows:

"(11) He is a person who, immediately preceding the time of his application for admission into the United States, has been employed continuously for one year by a firm or corporation or other legal entity or an affiliate or subsidiary thereof and who seeks to enter the United States temporarily in order to continue to render his services to the same employer or a subsidiary or affiliate thereof in a capacity that is managerial, executive, or involves specialized knowledge, or is the spouse or minor child of any such person if accompanying him or following to join him."

Section 1611.2 is further amended by deleting the word "or" after the semicolon at the end of subparagraph (9) of paragraph (b) and by substituting, in lieu of the period at the end of subparagraph (10) of paragraph (b), a semicolon followed by the word "or".

2. Section 1611.2, *Persons Not Required to be Registered,* is further amended by adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

"(h) Each alien who is in the category described in subparagraph (11) of paragraph (b) on this section must have in his possession and available for examination a visa or other official document issued to him by a diplomatic, consular, or immigration officer of the United States evidencing that he has entered the United States pursuant to the provisions of section 101(a)(15)(L) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Public Law 414, 82d Congress, as amended by Public Law 91–225, approved April 7, 1970."

RICHARD NIXON

The White House
November 24, 1970

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 9:47 a.m., November 25, 1970]

Postal Rate Commission

Executive Order 11570. November 24, 1970

PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF CONDUCT FOR THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION AND ITS EMPLOYEES

Under the Postal Reorganization Act (Public Law 91–375), the Postal Rate Commission (referred to hereafter as the "Commission") is charged with the establishment and adjustment of fair and equitable rates of postage, fees for postal services, and classifications of mail.

It is essential to public confidence in the United States Postal Service that the activities, procedures, decisions, and recommendations of the Commission be impartial and disinterested and free from taint or suspicion of favoritism of any kind whatsoever, both in fact and in appearance.

Now THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 301 of Title 3, and Section 7301 of Title 5, United States Code, and the Postal Reorganization Act, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 101. The Commission is subject to Executive Order No. 11222 of May 8, 1965, "Prescribing Standards of Ethical Conduct for Government Officers and Employees," and Part 735 of the regulations of the Civil Service Commission (5 CFR Part 735).

Section 102. The Civil Service Commission shall prepare initial standards of conduct regulations for the Commission. The regulations shall contain such provisions as will ensure that the Commissioners and employees of the Commission are fully guarded against involvement in conflicts of interest situations, or the appearance thereof, or other conduct that may lessen public confidence. The regulations shall include provision for:

(a) concurrent filing of confidential statements of outside employment and financial interests by employees of the Commission with a designated official of the Commission and the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission;

(b) strict control of *ex parte* contacts with the Commission and the Commissioners or employees of the Commission regarding particular matters at issue in contested proceedings before the Commission. The control of such contacts shall include, but not be limited to, the maintenance of public records of such contacts which fully identify the individuals involved and the nature of the subject matter discussed; and

(c) prohibition against the receipt of honoraria, travel expenses, entertainment, gifts, loans, favors, or any thing of value by a Commissioner or employee of the Commission from an individual (other than one having a close family or personal relationship) or organization having, or likely to have, business with the Commission.

Section 103. The Civil Service Commission shall issue the initial standards of conduct regulations applicable to the Commission not later than 120 days after the effective date of this Order. Thereafter, the Commission may from time to time amend the regulations, consistent with this Order. The regulations and any amendments thereto shall be published in the *Federal Register*.

RICHARD NIXON

The White House
November 24, 1970

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 4:21 p.m., November 25, 1970]

NOTE: The Executive order was not issued in the form of a White House press release.

Incentive Awards to Military Personnel

The President's Message to the Congress Transmitting the Reports of the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Transportation on the Cash Awards Program. November 25, 1970

To the Congress of the United States:

In September of 1965, the Congress of the United States authorized a new cash awards program for military personnel. This program was designed to provide members of the Armed Forces with an added incentive to reduce military costs and improve military efficiency. In accordance with the provisions of 10 U.S.C. 1124, I am herewith forwarding the reports of the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Transportation concerning cash awards which were made under this program during Fiscal Year 1970.

The most recent report on the Military Awards Program covered the first six months of 1969. The present report and all future reports will cover an entire fiscal year, as is presently the case with the civilian Incentive Awards Program which is run by the Civil Service Commission.

In Fiscal Year 1970—as in earlier years—the Military Awards Program was a great success. Suggestions from military personnel that were adopted during Fiscal Year 1970 saved the government over $166 million—substantially more than in any previous year. Tangible first year benefits derived from such suggestions since the program went into effect in 1965 have now reached a total of more than $439 million. Many benefits and improvements of an intangible nature have also been realized.

Some 205,888 suggestions were submitted by military personnel during the reporting period of which 32,854 were adopted. Cash awards for adopted suggestions totalled $1,979,111. More than 80 percent of the cash awards were paid to enlisted personnel. Payments varied from a minimum of $25 to a maximum which was somewhat more than $1,000.

The reports which I am forwarding from the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Transportation present additional information concerning payments made under the Military Awards Program, along with brief descriptions of some of the more noteworthy suggestions which were presented as a part of this program during Fiscal Year 1970.

RICHARD NIXON

The White House
November 25, 1970

NOTE: The report of the Secretary of Defense (3 pp., processed) and the report of the Secretary of Transportation (1 p., processed) cover the period July 1, 1969–June 30, 1970.

Presidential Unit Citation

Announcement of Award to the United States Navy Element of the Mobile Riverine Force (Task Force 117). November 25, 1970

The President today awarded the Presidential Unit Citation to the United States Navy Element of the Mobile Riverine Force (Task Force 117), a subordinate unit of the Commander, United States Naval Forces, Vietnam, for extraordinary heroism while participating in combat operations in Southeast Asia in support of the United States national policy during the period 25 January 1969 through 5 July 1969.

The personnel of the United States Navy Element of the Mobile Riverine Force (Task Force 117), operating in the narrow streams and canals of the Mekong Delta region of the Republic of Vietnam, interdicted and ambushed the enemy throughout the Delta. Enemy forces were planning to launch a winter-spring offensive against Saigon and other upper Delta cities, but continuing riverine assault operations thwarted the threat. Operating with a fleet of specially configured shallow-draft craft, the riverine forces conducted their operations against the enemy with fortitude and outstanding success.

The citation follows:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, I have today awarded

THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (NAVY)
FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM TO
The United States Navy Element of the
MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE (TASK FORCE 117)

For extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty from 25 January through 5 July 1969 while engaged in armed conflict against enemy forces in the Mekong Delta region of the Republic of Vietnam. With enemy forces planning to launch a large-scale, winter-spring offensive against Saigon and other cities of the upper Mekong Delta, the ships and assault craft of Task Force 117 provided waterborne mobile support to United States Army, Vietnamese Army, and Vietnamese Marine Corps troops. By riverine assault operations preempting enemy offensive operations, the Force made a significant contribution to thwarting the threat to Saigon and the Mekong Delta. Surprise attacks and routine fire fights on the narrow streams and canals were an almost daily occurrence, while rocket and mining attacks against the Mobile Riverine Bases were an ever-present danger. The courage and determination of Task Force 117 personnel contributed significantly to the successful completion of each Force objective. The skill, fortitude, perseverance, and sustained outstanding performance of the officers and men of the United States Navy Element of the Mobile Riverine Force reflected great credit upon themselves and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

RICHARD NIXON

Presidential Unit Citation

Announcement of Award to Commander Task Group 194.0 (Units Participating in Operation "Sea Lords"). November 25, 1970

The President today awarded the Presidential Unit Citation to Commander Task Group 194.0 (units participating in Operation SEA LORDS), a subordinate unit of the Commander, United States Naval Forces, Vietnam, for extraordinary heroism while participating in combat operations in Southeast Asia in support of United States national policy during the period 18 October 1968 through 5 December 1968.

The personnel of Task Group 194.0 (Operation SEA LORDS) operating in conjunction with other forces effectively utilized their specially configured shallow-draft craft to interdict the enemy in some of the most remote areas in the Delta region of the Republic of Vietnam. During this period of this operation, the "Brown Water" sailors of Task Group 194.0 engaged in some of the most intense fighting ever encountered along the rivers, canals, and backwaters of the Delta. They showed the flag in areas never before entered by our forces. The professionalism, courage, and resourcefulness shown by the personnel of Task Group 194.0 contributed immeasurably toward making this period one of the most successful in the disruption and elimination of enemy activity in the Delta region.

The citation follows:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, I have today awarded

THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (NAVY)
FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM TO
COMMANDER TASK GROUP 194.0
(Units Participating in Operation SEA LORDS)

For extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty from 18 October to 5 December 1968 while engaged in armed conflict against enemy forces in the Republic of Vietnam. Commander Task Group 194.0 initiated and prosecuted in the first of several interdiction campaigns to sever enemy lines of communication and resupply and to establish the legal government in areas previously held by the enemy. The naval units engaged in Operation SEA LORDS consistently displayed the striking power and professionalism which were to mark this and following campaigns. Tasked with routing a myriad

of enemy forces from their previous sanctuaries, personnel of Commander Task Group 194.0 ventured courageously into little-known canals and back-water areas, fighting valiantly through countless intense enemy rocket and automatic weapons attacks. The naval units, through their persistent and aggressive strikes against enemy strongholds, were eminently successful in their campaign to interdict enemy resupply routes and base areas throughout the lower Mekong Delta region. The courage, professionalism, and dedication displayed by the officers and men of Commander Task Group 194.0 reflected credit upon themselves and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

RICHARD NIXON

Presidential Unit Citation

Announcement of Award to Combined Action Program Units, III Marine Amphibious Force. November 25, 1970

The President today awarded the Presidential Unit Citation to the Combined Action Program Units, III Marine Amphibious Force for extraordinary heroism in action against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam from 1 January 1968 to 31 December 1968.

Displaying phenomenal imagination, initiative, and versatility, the Combined Action Units participated in a multitude of tasks to strengthen the local governments and enhance the welfare of the people. The presence of the Combined Action Units lent stability to their areas, provided public security, and assisted in maintaining law and order. Their operations and daily routine included provisions for protecting the members of the legitimate indigenous government, enabling these officials to expand their control and perform their tasks without fear of reprisals.

The citation follows:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, I have today awarded

THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (NAVY)
FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM TO
COMBINED ACTION PROGRAM UNITS
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

For extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action against Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army aggressor forces in the Republic of Vietnam from 1 January to 31 December 1968. During this period the Combined Action Program Units distinguished themselves with exceptional bravery and resourcefulness, performing a unique and unparalleled role in combat operations and the pacification effort. The Combined Action Platoons, organized under companies at the district level and groups at the province level, lived full time in selected hamlets in the I Corps Tactical Zone, working with the people and conducting combat operations. Physically separated from friendly conventional forces and frequently outnumbered by the enemy, the Combined Action Program Units were in almost continuous combat, providing against seemingly impossible odds the security vital for pacification. To protect the people from Viet Cong terrorism and harassment, the Combined Action Program Units depended on aggressive patrolling and ambushing, superior tactical skill, and detailed acquired knowledge of the local area and people. The Combined Action Program Units emphasized mobility, ranging over thousands of meters to seek out and interdict the enemy. During the enemy's TET offensive, Combined Action Program Units, strategically located in and around major population centers, repeatedly detected and engaged large enemy forces in bitter fighting. The Units' valorous actions enabled reaction forces from conventional units to reach and systematically crush the enemy. Displaying great imagination, initiative, and versatility, the Combined Action Program Units participated in a multitude of tasks to strengthen the local government and enhance the welfare of the people. The exceptional bravery, unswerving dedication, and conspicuous gallantry of the officers and men of the Combined Action Program Units, III Marine Amphibious Force, reflected great credit upon themselves and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

RICHARD NIXON

Presidential Unit Citation

Announcement of Award to Commander Task Group 194.9 (Units Participating in Operation "Giant Slingshot"). November 25, 1970

The President today awarded the Presidential Unit Citation to Commander Task Group 194.9 (units participating in Operation GIANT SLINGSHOT), a subordinate unit of the Commander, United States Naval Forces, Vietnam, for extraordinary heroism while participating in combat operations in Southeast Asia in support of United States national policy during the period 6 December 1968 through 31 March 1969.

The personnel of Task Group 194.9 (Operation GIANT SLINGSHOT)—the name was derived from the crude slingshot formed by the Vam Co Dong and Vam Co Tay Rivers—under the overall SEA LORDS operation, effectively interdicted the enemy supply lanes within the canals and rivers of the Republic of Vietnam with specially constructed and equipped shallow-draft patrol boats. In order to provide coverage, the river patrol boats and armored

mobile riverine craft operated for extended periods from advanced staging sites spaced along the rivers. Engaging in firefights became a daily occurrence. The courage and resourcefulness of all personnel resulted in one of the most highly successful operations conducted by our forces.

The citation follows:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, I have today awarded

THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (NAVY)
FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM TO
COMMANDER TASK GROUP 194.9
(Units Participating in Operation GIANT SLINGSHOT)

For extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty from 6 December 1968 to 31 March 1969 while engaged in armed conflict against enemy forces in the Republic of Vietnam. Commander Task Group 194.9 initiated and prosecuted a determined interdiction offensive against the ingress of enemy personnel and war material from Southeast Cambodia into the upper Mekong Delta region of the Republic of Vietnam. The naval units engaged in Operation GIANT SLINGSHOT, including the Riverine Warfare and River Patrol Forces who supplied support, consistently distinguished themselves by their countless deeds of valiant service while carrying out patrols along the narrow, enemy-infested Vam Co, Vam Co Dong, and Vam Co Tay Rivers. Operating with limited logistic support under austere and dangerous conditions, personnel of Commander Task Group 194.9 countered intense rocket and automatic weapons barrages at point-blank range with unshakeable determination. As a result of their intrepidity and resolution, the enemy threat was significantly diminished and vital routes of resupply were severed. The quantity of captured enemy war material reached staggering proportions, and the ever-increasing number of enemy casualties attested to the effectiveness of ingeniously developed individual and group offensive tactics. The selfless dedication and inspiring professional performance of the officers and men of Commander Task Group 194.9 reflected credit upon themselves and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

RICHARD NIXON

Disaster Assistance for California

Announcement of Authorization of Assistance Following Forest and Brush Fires in San Bernardino County. November 25, 1970

The President today amended his September 29 major disaster declaration for California to include San Bernardino County which was damaged by extensive forest and brush fires in November. Today's action was taken at the request of Governor Ronald Reagan.

In declaring those areas affected by the fires now eligible for Federal assistance, the President noted that George A. Lincoln, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, has reported estimates of heavy damages to private and public property and government watersheds.

Disaster aids which may be provided include temporary housing for those displaced by the fires, funds for debris clearance and the repair or replacement of essential public property destroyed. Federal Coordinator Ralph D. Burns in Santa Rosa, Calif., is administering the funds allocated to this disaster and will direct the Federal relief measures.

Prisoner of War Rescue Mission

The President's Remarks at an Awards Ceremony for Participants in the Search and Rescue Mission to Son Tay Prisoner of War Camp in North Vietnam. November 25, 1970

Mr. Secretary of Defense, Admiral Moorer, Members of the Congress, and our very special guests today:

Many very great men have been honored in this room, but I can assure you that no President of the United States could be more proud than I am to pay tribute to the men that we honor today.

Theirs was a mission of mercy, an attempt to rescue some of their fellow Americans who were being held captive in North Vietnam under the most barbaric conditions.

When we think of that mission of mercy, we think of the fact that it was carried out with incomparable efficiency; even more important, it was carried out with incomparable bravery.

As the Secretary of Defense and Admiral Moorer will recall, before I gave the final order, I asked some very searching questions. I found that each man who participated in this mission was a volunteer.

I found that each man who participated in this mission knew before he went that there was a 50 percent chance that the mission might not succeed.

And I found that each man who participated in this mission knew that there was a 50 percent chance that he might lose his life.

After learning these things, I asked Admiral Moorer how it was possible to get men to volunteer for such duty. He said to me, "Sir, we could have had thousands to volunteer to go in to help our prisoners of war."

And so today, we think of the fact that we sometimes hear that the young in America have no heroes. This is the answer: When a man is willing to risk his life to rescue one of his fellowmen, that is heroism of the highest order.

What these men have done is a message, a message to the prisoners of war still in North Vietnam, to their wives and their loved ones, some of whom are here, that the prisoners of war have not been forgotten and that we will continue to do everything we can at the diplomatic table and in other ways to attempt to bring them back home.

Also, what these men have done is a very special message to America on Thanksgiving eve. We can all be thankful tonight and tomorrow that America has produced such magnificent men.

The Secretary of Defense will read the citations.

[*At this point, Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird read the citations, the texts of which follow:*]

Citation To Accompany the Award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Arthur D. Simons

Colonel Arthur D. Simons, United States Army distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism while commanding the ground element of a Joint United States Task Force on an operation deep in North Vietnam on 21 November 1970. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Colonel Simons voluntarily participated as a member of a Joint Task Force with the humanitarian mission of rescuing United States military personnel held as prisoners of war at the Son Tay Prison Compound approximately twenty nautical miles from Hanoi, the capital of North Vietnam. In an outstanding display of leadership and personal courage, Colonel Simons led the heloborne force in the rescue effort. On the ground, the search and rescue element was immediately taken under automatic weapons fire by the enemy. While directing and supervising the operation, Colonel Simons continually exposed himself to enemy fire, and on one occasion, personally took under fire enemy personnel in close proximity to his position. The success of the operation was the direct result of Colonel Simons' calm and competent leadership in an extremely hazardous situation. His professional conduct instilled confidence in his men and resulted in an outstanding operation. Colonel Simons' extraordinary heroism was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army.

Citation to Accompany the Award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Tyrone J. Adderly

Sergeant First Class Tyrone J. Adderly, United States Army, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism and risk of life on 21 November 1970 while serving voluntarily as a member of a Joint United States Task Force with the mission of rescuing American military personnel held as prisoners of war at Son Tay, North Vietnam. While participating in the operation, Sergeant Adderly, a gunner and ground guide for one of the command elements, came under heavy automatic weapons fire as the element approached the enemy complex. With complete disregard for his own life, Sergeant Adderly advanced against the hostile position and neutralized the enemy with highly accurate M–79 grenade fire. As the force moved into the complex, Sergeant Adderly once again came under heavy automatic weapons fire. Unhesitatingly, he assaulted the enemy position and eliminated the threat to the force. His valorous actions contributed greatly to the successful conduct of the assigned mission without the loss of a single American life. Sergeant First Class Adderly's extraordinary heroism was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army.

Citation to Accompany the Award of the Air Force Cross to LeRoy M. Wright

Technical Sergeant LeRoy M. Wright, United States Air Force, displayed extraordinary heroism while serving as a helicopter crew member of a Joint United States Task Force which conducted a rescue operation against the Son Tay Prisoner of War Camp in North Vietnam on 21 November 1970. Although suffering injury to his left foot and ankle during the landing in the prison compound, Sergeant Wright remained with the helicopter until all passengers and crew had exited the aircraft despite the possibility of aircraft explosion. Sergeant Wright then vigorously moved to an exposed area and, with complete disregard for his own life, placed extremely effective covering fire on enemy positions which endangered the operation thus freeing the Army element within the compound to continue its mission. Sergeant Wright then, despite the intense pain of his injury, courageously moved by himself more than 200 meters with the Army element to the extraction landing zone. These actions reflect great credit upon Sergeant Wright and the United States Air Force.

Citation To Accompany the Award of the Distinguished Service Medal to LeRoy J. Manor

Brigadier General LeRoy J. Manor, United States Air Force, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service to the United States in a duty of great responsibility while serving as the Commander of a Joint United States Task Force on 21 November 1970. General Manor commanded the humanitarian force whose

mission was to search for and rescue United States military personnel held as prisoners of war deep within the territory of North Vietnam. He conceived a brilliant tactical plan, carefully selected and helped train the volunteers with the necessary expertise to carry it out. Over a period of three months, he repeatedly simulated each phase of the operation, thereby insuring its faultless execution. General Manor's brilliant talents of command and supervision resulted in a superbly trained joint task force. The mission was daring in concept and bold in execution. General Manor directed the operation from his command post with the highest degree of professionalism. Despite great hazard, the operation was conducted without the loss of a single American life. The singular efforts and outstanding achievement of General Manor are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Air Force and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

[After presenting the awards, the President resumed speaking, as follows:]

Ladies and gentleman, that concludes the ceremony.

And I am sure that some of you would perhaps like personally to congratulate the men who have received these awards, and to meet some of our other special guests, the wives of some of the prisoners of war who are here as our special guests and, of course, the wives of those who have received the awards. They would all, I know, be very happy to meet you.

We thank you for coming and we're very happy you could be with us on a day that we think is a very proud one for the United States of America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:05 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House.

Lighting of the White House

The President's Remarks at a Ceremony on the South Lawn Inaugurating a New Lighting System. November 25, 1970

Ladies and gentlemen:

Mrs. Nixon and I are very happy to welcome you on this Thanksgiving eve to one of those occasions that comes very seldom in the history of the White House, a significant change in terms of how it will appear to the American people and people all over the world.

A bit of historical reference, perhaps, would be in order.

Seventy years ago—or 80 years ago, I should say—in the Presidency of Benjamin Harrison, electricity first came to the White House. And when Theodore Roosevelt was President, 68 years ago, the White House, for the first time, had some external lights which he planned. Those lights that he planned you perhaps have not noticed, but in recent days they have been removed because a change is going to take place which you will see in just a moment.

No change in the external lighting of the White House has occurred in the past 68 years, and now the change that you will see tonight came as a result of two coincidences:

First, as you know, a lot of mail comes to the White House, to the President and to the First Lady. And the First Lady also is one who reads a lot of mail and listens to a lot of people.

Several months ago she reported to me that a number of people who had written to the White House, and some of the visitors—the over a million and a half visitors who come through this House every year—had remarked about the fact that at night Washington is a very beautiful city—that the Washington Monument is lighted, that the Lincoln Memorial is lighted, and also that the Capitol is lighted.

And the question was asked over and over again by scores of people in letters and personally: Why can't the White House be lighted, because it is such a beautiful house? We would like for all of our people to see it at night as well as in the daytime.

Mrs. Nixon raised that question with me. And I had to give her the same answer that I am presently giving to people in the Cabinet who asked for increases in the budget. I pointed out: Where are we going to get the money?

And now came the coincidence. Mr. Willard Marriott, the chairman of the Inaugural Committee, reported several months ago that there was a surplus after the last Inauguration, as sometimes there is, and that it was the custom to ask the First Lady to designate where that surplus might be used.

So Mrs. Nixon made the decision that the surplus from the Inaugural Committee of January 1969 would be given as a gift to the Nation, and the gift to the Nation is the lighting of the White House, the external lighting of the White House.

In a moment, Mrs. Nixon will do the honors of pushing the button that will allow you to see the House as it has been lit.

The reason that it has been kept a secret is that they've been doing their practicing very late at night. But if you've seen a glow from this House at 4 or 5 in the morning, it isn't because it's on fire. It's because they've been trying to light the White House so that we could have the final result of it available tonight, throughout the Thanksgiving and the Christmas season and all the years to come.

I just close with one other historical reference. Once this House is lighted at night, it will be seen by millions of Americans and will be more simply than having the building physically lit, because it will be a symbol of something, I hope, to all Americans and to people around the world.

Woodrow Wilson, speaking at Independence Hall in 1914, expressed the feeling that I deeply share, and that I know most Americans share with me, when he said that "a patriotic American . . . is never so proud of the great Flag under which he lives as when it comes to mean to other people as well as to himself a symbol of hope and liberty."

And I only hope, as this House now will be lighted for all to see, that, as it appears before us here, it will be now and in the years to come a symbol of hope and liberty to all Americans and to all people throughout the world.

And now, ladies and gentlemen, we can't invite you all in, but I do want to urge all of you not only to see it from this side but to go around and look at it from the front. I think it's even more beautiful from the front with the lighting.

Thank you very much and a very happy Thanksgiving to everybody who is here.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 5:50 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House.

Pakistan Relief Committee

Announcement of Formation of a Citizens' Committee With Robert M. Murphy as Chairman and Mrs. Richard Nixon as Honorary Chairman. November 26, 1970

In response to mounting concern among Americans everywhere, the President today announced the formation of a citizens' Pakistan Relief Committee to channel aid to survivors of the devastating cyclone that struck East Pakistan November 13–14.

Mr. Robert M. Murphy, chairman of the board, Corning Glass International, has agreed to serve as Chairman of the Committee, and Mrs. Richard Nixon will serve as Honorary Chairman. The Committee will consist of some 25 distinguished citizens, many of whom already are involved in relief work, including work in Pakistan.

To assist the Committee and the U.S. voluntary organizations seeking to provide emergency assistance to the victims of one of the world's worst disasters in this century, the U.S. Office of Voluntary Action has established a Pakistan Relief Center. This center will be manned by volunteers from the Washington area who will stand by to answer questions concerning the extent of the disaster and to advise on how they may best contribute to the effort. The center may be reached by calling area code 202, 382–6001.

Donations, which are tax deductible, may be made directly to the following agency, which has been established to serve as a central collecting agency for the many voluntary agencies which now have, or are planning to have, relief programs in East Pakistan: Pakistan Relief, Post Office Box 1670, Washington, D.C. 20013.

The typhoon struck hardest at a low-lying coastal area of roughly 30 by 100 miles inhabited by about 2½ million people. Most of them had been pushed into this relatively poor agricultural area by population pressure in the more fertile regions of the country.

With 158,000 known deaths and about 600,000 missing, it is estimated that some 1 million of the survivors have lost their crops, their homes, and their cattle. They are also in danger of such diseases as typhoid and cholera, which is endemic to East Pakistan.

Sufficient stocks of food and clothing to meet immediate needs are in the area and the Committee is suggesting that individual citizens and groups wishing to help in the relief effort should donate cash, since the U.S. voluntary agenices may find it difficult to handle goods.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

Following is a listing of items of general interest which were announced to the press during the period covered by this issue but which are not carried elsewhere in the issue. Appointments requiring Senate approval are not included since they appear in the list of nominations submitted to the Senate, below.

November 23

Representatives of the National Association of Counties met with the President in the Cabinet Room at the White House.

Executives of the Baptist World Alliance met with the President at the White House.

Jesus M. Vargas, Secretary General of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, met with the President at the White House.

Ambassador Agha Hilaly of Pakistan met with the President at the White House to discuss international relief efforts following the cyclone which struck East Pakistan.

The President has accepted the resignation of Myron Tribus as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Science and Technology, effective November 30, 1970.

November 24

The President today announced the retirement of Thomas Murphy as United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky of South Vietnam breakfasted with the President at the White House.

F. Ritter Shumway, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, met with the President at the White House.

The annual Thanksgiving turkey was presented to the President by Lloyd H. Peterson, president of the National Turkey Federation. Representative John B. Anderson of Illinois was also present for the ceremony at the White House.

November 25

The President today announced the designation of Secretary of State William P. Rogers as his personal representative to head the United States delegation to attend the inaugural ceremonies of His Excellency Luis Echeverria Alvarez as President of the United Mexican States on December 1.

The President today transmitted to the Senate for advice and consent to ratification the treaty on extradition between the United States and Spain, signed at Madrid on May 29, 1970.

The President today announced the retirement of A. Sherman Christensen as United States District Judge for the District of Utah, effective upon the appointment and qualification of his successor but no later than February 15, 1971.

The President has accepted the resignation of Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel, effective immediately. After the 92d Congress convenes, the President intends to nominate Representative Rogers C. B. Morton of Maryland to the post. Under Secretary Fred J. Russell will serve as Acting Secretary in the interim.

November 26

More than 100 servicemen and women from military hospitals were the guests of the President and the First Lady at a Thanksgiving luncheon at the White House.

November 27

King Hussein of Jordan will pay an unofficial visit to Washington, December 8–10. He will call on the President on December 8, and will also meet with Secretary of State William P. Rogers and other senior United States officials.

The President announced his intention to nominate Donald R. Ross of Omaha, Nebr., to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, vice Harry A. Blackmun.

ACTS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

Approved November 25, 1970

H.R. 13978 ---------- Public Law 91-522
An Act to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, as amended, and reenacted and amended by the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1937, as amended, to authorize marketing research and promotion projects including paid advertising for almonds.

S. 737 ---------- Private Law 91-187
An Act for the relief of Konrad Ludwig Staudinger.

S. 882 ---------- Private Law 91-188
An Act for the relief of Captain William O. Hanle.

S. 902 ---------- Public Law 91-523
An Act to amend section 1162 of title 18, United States Code, relating to State jurisdiction over offenses committed by or against Indians in the Indian country.

S. 1422 ---------- Private Law 91-189
An Act for the relief of Donal E. McGonegal.

S. 2455 ---------- Public Law 91-521
An Act to authorize appropriations for the Civil Rights Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 3620 ---------- Private Law 91-190
An Act for the relief of Mrs. Anastasia Pertsovitch.

S. 3853 ---------- Private Law 91-191
An Act for the relief of Mrs. Pang Tai Tai.

S. 3858 ---------- Private Law 91-192
An Act for the relief of Bruce M. Smith.

NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE [1]

Submitted November 24, 1970

ROBERT O. BLAKE, of California, a Foreign Service Officer of Class one, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mali.

HUBERT I. TEITELBAUM, of Pennsylvania, to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, vice Wallace S. Gourley, retired.

HARRY W. WELLFORD, of Tennessee, to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, vice a new position created by Public Law 91-272, approved June 2, 1970.

[1] Does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service Officers.

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Released November 23, 1970

Press conference of His Excellency Agha Hilaly, Ambassador of Pakistan, following his meeting with the President on relief efforts in East Pakistan.

Released November 24, 1970

Press conference of James Franklin Oates, Jr., Chairman, Jobs for Veterans program, Melvin R. Laird, Secretary of Defense, James D. Hodgson, Secretary of Labor, and Donald E. Johnson, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, on the Jobs for Veterans program.

Released November 27, 1970

Press conference of Ambassador Robert M. Murphy, Chairman of the Pakistan Relief Committee, and Maurice J. Williams of the interdepartmental working group for East Pakistan disaster relief.

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